TEN THOUSAND MEN AFFECTED IN the affair. It is not at all a hopeful situation. I attended a meeting of the train-THE GLASS TRADES.

American Window Glass Company Makes the First Movement and Is Followed by the Independents.

STREET CAR STRIKERS QUIET

MASS MEETING AT BRAZIL THE ONLY NOTEWORTHY INCIDENT.

A Few Cars Were Snowballed by Sympathizers at Terre Haute and a Few Arrests Were Made.

B. & O. S. W. SHOPMEN STRIKE

FECTS TWO HUNDRED MEN.

Car Works Trouble at Jeffersonville Settled by a Compromise Agreement-Striker Made Insane.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 22.-The blowers, gatherers, cutters and flatteners employed in the two factories of the American Window Glass Company (the trust) were to- He Is Alleged to Have Deposited day informed that their wages would be increased from 10 to 15 per cent., beginning on Feb. 1. There has been no request made for more wages. The men employed in the fifty-four factories of that company throughout the country are members of L. A. 300, Knights of Labor, headed by President Burns.

The great number of new window glass factories has made a scarcity of men, there now being places for one thousand additional skilled workmen. The labor organization has refused to create new men, asserting that there are now enough workmen to make the glass required for the trade. As a result there has been great sparring by the managers to fill their factories with workmen. The co-operative factories and independents have fared better than the American Company for the reason that there has been a natural prejudice against the so-called trust.

Having failed in its attempt to disrupt the opposition by cutting prices because of the organization of the outside manufactories with workmen by offering wages which the men probably will not refuse. leading men in the American Company, who lives in Muncie, to-night refused to discuss the proposition, and states that his company will make no explanation other than to announce the increase in wages for skilled workmen who want places in its fifty-four factories. The American Company can use nearly every skilled workman in the countrry if it can get them.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 22 .- To-day's wage no-Company will benefit fully five thousand dent O. P. Cole, of the Independent Glass Company, promptly announced a similar ing the total number of men affected nearly ten thousand.

# Factory Changes and Enlargements.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 22.- The new win dow glass factory built at Wheeling by the Rev. Father Dhe, representing a stock company composed of skilled glass workers, will be put in operation on Friday morning with seventy-five hands. It is the first factory in the new town.

Ball Bros., the fruit jar manufacturers, have abandoned the idea of building a third factory in Muncie. They will derive the needed additional capacity for next season by increasing the capacity of each of the five big continuous tanks. Ten new blowing machines are being constructed for the

A small strike occurred in the tin stamping works at Ball Bros,' glass works yesterday. The twenty-five liner boys quit work for additional pay over \$1.25 per day, and all were discharged. Girls were placed

on their benches. The Boldt glass works is closed, due to changing the furnaces so that producers' gas from coal can be used, owing to the shortage of natural gas. The same changes have been made at the Muncie iron and steel works, and the Indiana iron works is preparing to make similar changes, while Ball Bros. are building a \$25,000 gas-William Gertsel, a cutter from the Inde-

producing plant for their factories. pendent window glass works, in Altoona, dow glass workers to go back with him to work in the Independent factory in Altoons. This factory, like all the other inproposed single-selling agency for all window glass factories, as now being formed by Leopold Mambourg, of Muncle.

## Sanspareil Factory Purchased. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Jan. 22 .- J. R. Johnston yesterday afternoon closed negoconcern in this county. The consideration was \$14,000. The Sansparell factory was promoted and built by the Rev. Charles Dhe, a Catholic priest, in 1899. On account of not being able to operate it at a profit the factory was closed last September. The buildings are new and cover two large tanks of twenty-four pots' capacity each. The management of the concern will be placed in the hands of a competent flint glass manufacturer and the factory placed in operation at once, giving employment to two hundred operatives.

# SNOWBALLED A FEW CARS.

Strike Sympathizers at Terre Haute Made Their Feelings Known.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 22.-The store of Thornberg & Co. Six other stores street cars were running into the barns tonight at 9:30 o'clock. There was no trouadvisable to quit early. During the day there were a number of instances when cars were assailed, usually by boys, a number of whom were taken to headguarters for a lecture. In one instance men on South Thirteenth street snowballed a car. The conductor and motorman and two men on the car got off to give battle, but all the assailants except one ran away. The one man held his ground and as the trainmen came near he drew a revolver and warned them not to touch him. They returned to the car and started it, but the wheels struck an obstruction which derailed it. They put it back on the rails and

continued the trip. The police caught a man named Arnett, whom nobody seemed to know, with a brick in his hand, hiding by a tree as a car approached. He had a revolver in his after arriving there will go to the home pocket. In Police Court he was fined \$25 for earrying a concealed weapon, and paid his fine from a roll of money. has been unable to meet Manager Clark, normal health. He was accompanied as that Scheepers had been executed it was conduct business, which is being injured by the minority joined the committee meet- plowing through his hair under the scalp given opportunity. It is not known the accumulation of Mexican silver. The committee summened her for the committee summened her fo

entire time meeting with committees of the men, and find they already have presented propositions to the company, which I understand will not be considered. I shall meet the manager and see if there is any possible way by which an adjustment can be made. I understand he is a firm man and will not entertain any proposition from the other side. I do not like the looks of men and spoke for a short time. I placed particular emphasis on the importance of refraining from congregating on the street or about the company's property or by any word or action inciting violence. The caution was received by a hearty round of applause and I do not think the strikers themselves will be found guilty of violating

Mr. Tripp, of Boston, arrived to-day as the immediate representative of the Stone & Webster syndicate, which owns the property here as well as in a number of

other citles. A few more persons rode on street cars to-day than yesterday, and there were more cars and better service. Still, the labor leaders are confident that the public will help win the fight along the lines laid down, by which the earnings are to be cut down to a point where the stockholders will intervene against Manager Clark's policy. The cars running to-day were not manned by motormen and conductors, but by employes of the electrical or office service of the rallway company and by some strangers, supposed to be some of the men brought from St. Louis during the past few days in scattering delegations, with nearly fifty in one party last night. Two Rose Polytechnic students and two students from the Indiana State Normal School are on

At a meeting of the railway employes with the leaders of Central Labor Union to-day the plans were perfected as to the relays of "spotters," who are to get the names of persons riding on the cars. The plan is to report the names to strike head-TRIVIAL DISAGREEMENT NOW AF- quarters and then cause all union labor men in the city acquainted with the persons who patronize the company to call on those persons and ask them to refrain from riding on the cars. It is the ultimate pur-(CONCLUDED ON PAGE 7, COL. 6.)

TESTIMONY OF POSTOFFICE INSPEC-TORS AT MUNCIE MAN'S TRIAL.

Thousands of Dollars in His Home Bank in a Short Time.

HAVANA, Jan. 22 .- The testimony of the postoffice inspectors introduced by the government to-day at the trials of the charges growing out of the Cuban postal frauds, was to the effect that C. F. W. Neely, ex-chief of the Cuban postal bureau of finance, came to Havana practically bankrupt in December, 1899; that between that time and January, 1900, he made deposits in the bank at Muncie, Ind., amounting to \$43,700 and that the bond of \$20,000 furnished by Neely at the time of his arrest was forwarded from his account with the Muncie bank to the First National Bank at New York.

Inspector Holmes testified that certain deposits Neely had made through the president of the Muncie bank represented 20 per cent. of the bills of the lock box company which furnished the lock boxes for the turers, the American Company is believed Havana postoffice. Holmes also testified to have adopted a new plan to fill its fac- that his investigation showed that Estes C. Rathbone had not sent money from Havana Vice President Thomas F. Hart, one of the | during the time that he was postmaster general of Cuba; that the paying off of the mortgage upon his estate had been done prior to his going to Havana, and that all Rathbone's transactions with the United States had been honorable and above sus-

Inspector Sullivan was still on the stand when court adjourned. He said his inspection of the Havana postoffice had not tice posted by the American Window Glass | disclosed irregularities; that it was the duty of inspectors to report upon the condition men. Upon hearing of the action of the of the postoffice to the postmaster general American Window Glass Company, Presi- and that the latter naturally relied upon their reports. He admitted that much responsibility rested with the inspectors. He advance for his company's workmen, mak- also said he was aware that Rathbone had written to Washington, asking that six good inspectors be sent to Havana. Only three inspectors were sent and these had not had sufficient experience to examine into the details of a large postoffice like that of Havana.

PURSUED BY BLOODHOUNDS AFTER ROBBING A KENTUCKY BANK.

All Their Booty, Which Was Secured by Dynamiting a Safe, Recovered

HARTFORD, Ky., Jan. 22.-The bank of Hartford was robbed of between \$2,500 and \$3,500 at 3 o'clock this morning by four men who blew open the safe with dynamite and escaped, after a fight with the deputy sheriff and some citizens. The robbers obtained entrance to the building by prying open a rear window and after dynamiting the safe secured all the gold and silver Pa. is canvassing the gas belt after win- | they could find, as well as \$200 worth of stamps. They failed, however, to take about \$4,000 worth of bank notes which were dependents, is remonstrating against the in the vault. The noise of the explosion aroused one of the neighbors, wno called the deputy sheriff and some of the citizens to the scene by telephone. As soon as they arrived they opened fire on the robbers, who returned the shots. A running fight followed, but no one was wounded and the thieves succeeded in escaping, though they tiations for the purchase of the Sanspareil | dropped the \$200 worth of stamps in their glass factory, the largest prescription ware | flight. A posse with bloodhounds is now on the trail of the fugitives.

The four burglars were captured by Deputy Sheriff Keown and a posse with bloodhounds after a short chase. The dogs took up the trail at Rough river and followed it until the men were found concealed among some logs about two miles north of Hartford. They surrendered and were placed in jail at Hartford. All of the stolen money was recovered. The robbers gave the following names, but refused to talk further: J. L. Marsh, Estill county, Ky .; James Kelly, Nevada; James Mills, Georgia, and C. C. Gray, of Green county, Kentucky.

# Revelries of Cracksmen.

BARBOURVILLE, W. Va., Jan. 22.-Last men. They robbed the postoffice and the suffered minor losses. Entrance was effected into Ayers's mill, where an attempt was made to blow the safe. The burglars were discovered and citizens aroused. The rob- eral Methuen overtook a Boer commando at bers were closely pursued into the country. A posse is still after them.

# CLEVELAND GOES HUNTING.

Will Shoot Wild Fowl with "Fighting Boh" Evans and Others.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 22.-Ex-President Cleveland left Princeton to-night for the South, where he will remain several days, hunting with Colonel E. C. Benedict. Rear Admiral Evans, General Anson G. it was resolved to send President Kruger | their vaults for such deposits. The gov-McCook and Herman May. will go to Georgetown, S. C., and shortly visit Chicago June 26, the date of the coroof Colonel Alexander, who lives on an island eighteen miles from that city. Mr. State Labor Commissioner McCormack Cleveland appears to have regained his mandant Scheepers. When it was learned is not sufficient American currency here to health and safety. Finally the members of



JOHN BULL—Whoa, blawst ye! Don't you see I'm tying you to this post?

RUMOR IN INDIA THAT AFGHANIS-TAN IS TO BE INVADED.

Preparations Reported to Have Been Made by Great Britain to Protect the Border.

COMMONS THE

PERSIAN GULF QUESTION BRIEFLY DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS:

borne Says, Is to Maintain the

Status Quo.

LONDON, Jan. 23.-The Daily Chronicle from an influential source learns that rumors are current in India of coming trouble in Afghanistan. It is alleged that Russia will utilize the winter to mass troops upon the northern frontiers, in readiness to invade Afghanistan as soon as the snow melts on the passes. Preparations are being made on the British side. The Punjab maneuvers have been timed for the unusual scale. Regiments are being quietly massed, | CHICAGOAN, MORTALLY WOUNDED. ostensibly to fight the Mahud Waziris, but in reality to be in readiness for graver complications. It is likewise rumored that hospitals are being built along the military lines and that the arsenals are being stored

# The Persian Gulf Question.

LONDON, Jan. 22.-The debate in the House of Commons to-day centered in the Persian gulf question. The critics of the government deplored the loss to the British trade and prestige in that part of the world; some of them advocating an understanding with Russia by which Russia would confine her activity to North Persia, leaving South Persia to British influence. Henry Norman, Liberal, tried in vain to draw out Lord Cranborne, the undersecretary for foreign affairs, suggesting that an Anglo-German secret agreement referred to the Persian Gulf and German Bagdad Rail-The outcome of the questioning was that

Lord Cranborne made a general reply in which he said that Great Britain's main been exchanged between the British and | court. Russian governments with reference to the maintenance of the Persian integrity. His Lordship saw no reasons why they could old niece. William McFetridge came up not simultaneously maintain British trade and good relations with Russia, but the Badly wounded as he was, Robert's chief latter would not be bought at the expense | care was to protect the little girl. He tried of any rights possessed by Great Britain. I to put her in a place of safety, and as he far more anxious to maintain the balance | rested after a short search by the police. of power, and it was quite impossible for the government to abandon its rightful position in Persia. This was especially true by William McFetridge, who did the shootas regards the Persian gulf and the provinces bordering on India.

# CAPTURE OF BOERS.

## night this town was at the mercy of cracks- | Fifty-One Taken Prisoner by Generals Methuen and Hamilton.

LONDON, Jan. 22 .- Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Johannesburg, Transvaal Colony, dated Tuesday, Jan. 22, says Gen-Boschpoort, Jan. 20, and after a running fight of eight miles captured all their wagons and cattle and twenty-four Boers. General Bruce-Hamilton made a night march against General Botha, near Witbank, Jan. 18, but the Boer commander had left the camp when the British reached the spot. The latter, however, captured twenty-seven prisoners.

# CHICAGO, Jan. 22.-At a mass meeting

Kruger to Be Invited to Chicago. of Boer sympathizers, held here to-night, nation of Edward VII. The meeting was called originally for the purpose of tak- whole currency question. ing action to secure the aid of President Roosevelt to secure clemency for Com-

## pro-Boer demonstration. The invitation to President Kruger will be forwarded to him as soon as the signatures are returned.

Surprised by Boers.

PRETORIA, Jan. 22 .- A few days ago a party of thirty-five natives were cutting grass at Lindique Spruit, escorted by twenty-five Imperial Yeomanry. The party was surprised by 150 Boers, and after a gallant resistance, in which six of the Boers and one of the British force were killed, were forced to surrender. Four of the unarmed

natives were shot in cold blood. Commandant Scheepers Executed. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.-It has just been discovered that, through a cable error, an Associated Press dispatch announced that the death sentence on Commandant Scheepers, of the Boer army, had been confirmed by General Kitchener and that he would be executed next Saturday. The fact is that he was executed on last Saturday, Jan. 18.

NO SAFE CONDUCT FOR SCHMIDT.

Must Stand the Consequences if He Returns to Germany.

CASSEL, Prussia, Jan. 22.-The application of Herr Schmidt, the fugitive director of the Treber-Trocknung Company (grain drying), which failed in July last, for a safe conduct enabling him to return to Germany from the United States, in order to testify at the trial of the persons indicted in connection with the failure, has been refused by the court here. The local authori-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 7, COL. 5.)

Sensational Tragedy Growing Out of Family Troubles-All Interested Were Under Peace Bonds.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.-Robert McFetridge a wealthy ice dealer, was shot and mortally wounded to-night by his brother, William McFetridge. For a long time there has been bad blood between the brothers over business matters. In these disputes Robert was generally adjudged by his neighbors and the courts to be in the right. The brothers, their wives and nearly all members of their respective families were in Judge Dunne's court this evening, where an assault case growing out of the family troubles was being heard. There was so much belligerent talk on both sides that policy in Asia, including Persia, was to Judge Dunne placed all parties under peace maintain the status quo. Assurances had | bonds before allowing them to leave the | ed, thereby tying the hands of your health

While Robert McFetridge was on his way ferers in some way?" home, carrying in his arms his two-yearfrom behind and shot him in the back. While anxious for the maintenance of the ran his brother followed, shooting him sort could be taken until the mayor reintegrity of Persia, the government was twice more. William McFetridge was ar- turned and signed the ordinance. He will The case which was on trial before Judge Dunne was the result of charges preferred formed that ways existed to legally get around that difficulty, and that, in view of ing to-night. He accused his brother of the existence of an emergency of such shooting him. Robert admitted the shooting, but claimed he did it because his gravity, councilmen, irrespective of politics, brother was trying to kill him with an ice- should endeavor to assist rather than repick. The evidence was so clearly in favor of Robert McFetridge that the State's at- | uation. torney who was prosecuting the case asked that Robert be discharged. This aroused William McFetridge to a frenzy, and when | ture of a sum not to exceed \$2,500 for the Judge Dunne declared that he would put all parties under bonds to keep the peace he declined to give them until threatened

## waylaid his brother. BANKS REFUSE DEPOSITS.

bond he went out, procured a revolver and

Mexican Silver Will Not Be Accepted cines, etc. by Manila Institutions.

MANILA, Jan. 22 -A new phase of the currency question in the Philippine islands has arisen with the refusal of the banks here to receive deposits in Mexican silver. much trouble among the merchants. There

IT HAS NO WEIGHT WITH DEMO-CRATS OF THE COUNCIL.

They Vote Against Ordinance Appropriating \$2,500 for Temporary Contagion Hospital.

# EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

ARE NOW MORE SMALLPOX PA-TIENTS THAN CAN BE CARED FOR.

Republicans Disgusted Over the Situation-Another Special Meeting May Be Held.

Disregarding the emphatic statement of the City Board of Health that Indianapolis is facing a smallpox epidemic of a serious nature, and rejecting the appeal of the board for a temporary contagion hospital of sufficient size to alleviate the dangerous conditions now existing, the Democratic members of Council last night health board is in urgent need. Without their support the Republicans were unable pass. Various excuses were given by Mr. Moriarity and his colleagues when Dr. Kahlo and Secretary Buehler, of the board, found it necessary to appeal to them to support the emergency measure. "We do not think it necessary to be in a

hurry," one member said. "Do you realize," said Dr. Buehler, "that the pesthouse at the City Hospital is so crowded now that men and women, loathsome with smallpox, are jammed in there without regard to sex or the restrictions which common modesty require?" "Well, we don't think a smallpox house should be built within the city limits," said

"Do you think," said Dr. Kahlo, "that it would be any more dangerous to build the house where we suggest than to refuse to allow any sort of structure to be constructofficers who must take care of these suf-

NO ANSWER MADE. To that remark no answer was found. One Democrat said: "Well, suppose we did vote for the measure; no action of any not return until Monday." He was in-

sist a Health Board familiar with the sit-The ordinance, which was introduced by Thomas A. Wynne, authorizes the expendipurpose stated. The plans which Secretary Buehler, of the Board of Health, presented to Council with the ordinance prowith confinement in jail. After giving the vide that the temporary contagion hospital shall be a frame structure eighty feet long by forty feet wide. It shall contain five rooms-one for white male patients, one for white female patients, one for black male patients and one for black female

a laboratory for the preparation of medi-One second after the clerk had finished reading the ordinance Councilman Berry moved to adjourn, but the Republicans defeated the motion. With the idea of convincing the Democratic members of the finance committee that the appeal of the Board of Health was not one to be disregarded lightly, a recess of ten minutes was The banks claim there is no more room in | voted by the Republicans. Mr. Moriarity shook his head and refused to go into the committee meeting. Other Democrats stubbornly held their seats. Then ensued the real reason, but that the action is taken spectacle of Mr. Wynne, Mr. Crall and with the object of forcing legislation on the | the Republican members of the committee endeavoring to persuade the Democrats of This refusal to receive the deposits causes | the committee to meet with them for the consideration of a measure affecting public

fused to look favorably upon the ordinance, claiming the gravity of the situation had been overestimated, and that immediate action is not necessary. The result of the committee meeting was simply-nothing. A STORMY SESSION.

When Council convened again Mr. Wynne moved to adjourn and the meeting broke year. For half an hour members of Council remained in the room and talked over the situation with Dr. Kahlo and Secretary Buehler, who were biterly disappointed bethrough. "I cannot understand," said Dr. Kahlo, "why a member of Council will willfully close his eyes to facts. I have stated just how grave the emergency is. I can do no more. We are on the verge of an epidemic and the law-making body of the city government refuses to provide for its suppression. It's incomprehensible." . Thomas A. Wynne said little, but that lit-tle was emphatic. "It's an infernal shame that any set of men would hold out against an important measure of this kind," he said. Councilmen Crall, Negley, Vice President Rhodes, Lew Cooper, Holliday, Mc-Farland and the other Republicans were hardly less outspoken in their terms of con-

eral of them, to atempt to explain their action. "We thought it would do no good to vote for it to-night," they said. Although the attitude of the minority last night was so uncompromising that there is little hope of getting the measure passed, another special meeting of Council may be called for to-night when the regular vote will be taken with the idea, it is stated, of putting the Democrats on record before their constituents of refusing to advocate a | WORK measure for the preservation of public

Accompanying the ordinance introduced last night was a letter from the Board of tion. "The necessity for constructing the temporary hospital is urgent," the letter said. "The present hospital is entirely inadequate. It was only meant to house ten patients at the most and there are now twenty-two of both sexes being cared for where the board has established quarantine and cases from these houses are liable to be reported any day. It is absolutely necessary that a temporary structure should be erected at once that would accommodate forty patients. The present structure should be moved further from the main buildings of the hospital, since the assistant engineer of the institution has contracted the contagion because of the proximity of the pesthouse to the engine room."

GEN. ALBAN'S COMPOSURE IN DI-RECTING HIS LAST FIGHT.

Early Attack on Panama or Colon Is Expected-More Troops Guard Panama Railway Stations.

bian Liberals upon the Colombian government steamers Lautaro and Chucuito, in the harbor of Panama, last Monday, General Carlos Alban, the former military governor of that district, who was killed in olutionary gunboat Padilla struck the Lau- 12; G. W. Purcell, District II; Paul P.

The Padilla was painted white. She was steaming due west with the sun's rays diin 400 yards of that ship. There were about the afternoon session the press was again mediately the first shot was fired from the resolution was introduced to exclude the But General Alban, retaining his composure, made the captain of the Lautaro take thing himself until he was struck by the bullet that killed him. The captain was wounded in the leg. The Padilla had sevis believed to have been much disabled. of General Alban has not been recovered. in the special meeting called by the mayor, on are at half-mast and many tributes drop the matter. "While Delegate Hasrefused to vote for an appropriation or- continue to be paid General Alban's mem- kins may have the right to object to the season of February, and will be on a war ROBERT M'FETRIDGE, A WEALTHY dinance authorizing the expenditure of plate an early attack upon Colon or Pan \$2,500 to build the structure, of which the ama, before the arrival here of the Colom- ment, in an interview," he said. This combian gunboat General Pinzen with reinforcements. The government is alive to the situation and confident it will be able to pass the ordinance, since all appropria- once more to inflict defeat upon the intion measures require a two-thirds vote to surgents. There are no foreign war ships

THREE MEN KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED, ONE FATALLY.

Two Factions Met at a Railway Station and Bullets Flew Thick-Bystanders Shot.

BELLEVILLE, Tex., Jan. 22.-Three men others slightly wounded in a fight at the railroad station here at 6 o'clock this even- cockney dialect. William Mates, of Wilkesing. The dead are:

RAYMOND WHITE, constable at Wal-MILLAM ODOM, his half-brother.

HENRY DIPPERT, a bystander. Walter Penington, shot through the bowels, the bullet going entirely through the body. He will die. The others wounded are Elihu Pennington, scalp wound; Antone Dippert, of Belleville, a bystander, flesh wound in side; John Havkvath, of Seely, a bystander, bullet through foot,

The case of Walter Pennington, under indictment for the murder of J. C. Odom, a er of Raymond White, was called in the crowd of people were assembled awaiting the train. Just how the affair started no was committed by the Odom faction. The patients. The fifth room is to be used for first person wounded was Walter Pennington. The bullet entered his stomach and ranged upward, passing entirely through. him. He then opened fire and in an instant Dipperts were standing together and had no chance to get under cover. Henry was he stood. Antone's wound is in the side Havkvath was shot while trying to get out of range. When the shooting ceased it was found

up after one of the stormlest sessions of the THEY SING SONGS AND HAVE GOOD TIME IN CONVENTION HALL.

cause of the failure of the ordinance to go A Little Flurry Caused by a Delegate's Attack on the Morning

PRESIDENT MITCHELL'S STAND

Newspapers.

HE COUNSELED AGAINST TAKING RADICAL ACTION.

demnation. The Democrats remained, sev-Delegate Haskins Explains that He Did Not Intend to Criticise the Journal, but Its Informant.

OF THE COMMITTEES

Health regarding the gravity of the situa- THEY ARE GETTING IN SHAPE TO REPORT TO THE CONVENTION.

in it. There are eleven houses in the city Gossip Picked Up Among the Delegates That Is of Interest to Those

Attending the Meeting.

Little was accomplished at yesterday's session of the United Mine Workers' convention as the proper order of business was the election of officers and President Mitchell and Secretary Wilson refused to be reelected until they had been exonerated of the charges made by Miss Mollie Meredith. When President Mitchell entered the hall to preside over the convention yesterday morning he was greeted with cheers, indicating that he retained the good will of the delegates. The longer the Meredith matter is discussed the more confirmed the delegates seem to be in the feeling that the investigating committee will exonerate President Mitchell and Secretary Wilson and

that they will be re-elected. Shortly after President Mitchell took the chair he said he thought it would give better satisfaction to the delegates to have a COLON, Colombia, Jan. 22.-Just prior to representative of the two additional disthe attack by the gunboats of the Colom- tricts that received copies of Miss Meredith's charges appointed on the investigating committee. He called on W. D. Van Horn, who presided at Tuesday's session when the matter was discussed, to preside and the latter made the following appointthe engagement, was standing on the deck ments: Delegate Lawrence Love, of Disof the Lautaro trying to induce the chief trict 13, of Iowa, and Delegate Pat Dolan, engineer of that vesel to put out to sea of District 5, of Pennsylvania. President immediately. This the latter declined to Mitchell then took the chair and appointed do on the grond that it would be imprudent | the following committee on constitution: J. with only himself, a blacksmith and three | W. Howe, District 19; Chris Evans, District firemen in his department. While discuss- 6; Peter Hanraty, District 21; John T. ing this point the first shot from the rev- Dempsey, District 1; W. T. Morris, District

Pulaski, District 9.

STATEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS. Delegate W. H. Haskins, president of rectly astern of her. Her crew and of- District 6, of Ohio, secured the floor and ficers could see clearly ahead of their ves- denied statements made in the Journal sel, while, owing to the sun's dazzling yesterday morning that the Ohio delegabrightness, the Padilla, herself, was not tion was assisting Miss Meredith in preseen from the Lautaro until she was with- senting her charges to the convention. In 150 soldiers on board the Lautaro, and im- brought before the convention, when a Padilla a stampede occurred among them. representatives of the Sentinel from the hall because of a bulletin posted in its charge of the guns, which had been mount- window, and because of the statement that ed on that vessel. He supervised every- Miss Meredith's expenses to the convention had been paid. There was some discussion, when President Mitchell arose and eral of her crew killed or wounded, and | said there was a misunderstanding among the delegates. He said the Journal had The steamship Ioa, belonging to the contained the allusion to the Ohio dele-South American Steamship Company, the gation, while the Sentinel had, posted a same line that owned the Lautaro, which bulletin, stating that there was an "upwas in the harbor of Panama at the time, roar in the convention." He said it was rendered immediate assistance to the Lau- not advisable to take such action; that the taro, which subsequently sank. The body newspapers would print anything they desired about the convention regardless of To-day all the flags in Panama and Col- its action, and advised the delegates to plate an early attack upon Colon or Pan- was based on Miss Meredith's own statepletely ended the discussion, and the matter ended without further debate.

MR. HASKINS EXPLAINS. Delegate Haskins said yesterday that he was not criticising the Journal but the statement, no natter who made it. He said the Ohio delegation is not backing Miss Meredith in her charges, but that she was brought here to be present when they were made and in order that the matter might be satisfactorily settled in justice to all. The district convention passed a resolution inviting Miss Meredith to attend the convention, and an amendment provided that her expenses should be paid. He said he knew that she had been invited, and that if she presented a bill it would be paid by the district. He said he did not wish the Ohio delegation placed in the light of opposing officers of the United Mine Workers, for, so far as he knew, it did not.

The afternoon session was short and no business was transacted. A speech was made by Ben Tillett, and he also sang a couple of songs, one a labor song to the tune of "John Brown's Body Lies a Moldering in the Grave," and the other in barre, sang the "Mitchell Song," a ballad composed when President Mitchell conducted the miners of the anthracite district through a successful strike. The song brought forth great applause The convention then adjourned. It is not likely that much business will be transacted until the investigating committee reports. It is expected to be ready to report to-day or to-morrow.

# INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

At Its First Session Miss Mollie Meredith Appears.

The investigating committee met in the brother of Millam Odom and a half-broth- United Mine Workers' headquarters last District Court to-day and a large number | P. Reese was sent to the Denison Hotel of people came here from Wallis as wit- after Miss Meredith to bring her before the nesses, among them the relatives of J. C. committee to be questioned regarding her Odom. There was no outbreak until the charges. The extent of the investigation parties met at the depot, where a large has not been announced, and it may go no further than giving a decision in the matone seems to know definitely, but it is gen- ter, after carefully considering the stateerally claimed that the first hostile act ments of President Mitchell, Secretary Wilson and Miss Meredith. The fact that District 6, of Ohio, paid Miss Meredith's expenses here, although it is said to have been done for the purpose of paving the the shooting became general. The two | way for a more impartial investigation, has changed the attitude of some delegates. The committee may decide to go into the struck by a bullet and dropped dead where | books of ex-Secretary Pearce, and in that event it will be some time before a report and it is believed will not prove dangerous. is ready; or a further investigation may be recommended if evidence develops sufficiently to warrant it.

Miss Meredith was employed in the ofthat White and Odom had been instantly fices of the mine workers for four years killed. White dying with his pistol cocked | and knew something of the organization, and ready to fire. He and Odom were ly- as well as being familiar with its finances ing close together. Walter Pennington was and methods of keeping accounts. carried to the hotel, where he now lies in says she could easily point out the defala dying condition. His father, Elihu Pen- cations of Pearce, which she alleges were nington, was struck only once, the ball not reported by Mitchell and Wilson, if